

By: Representative Banks

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1256

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-1-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT A JUDGE SHALL NOT PRESIDE ON THE TRIAL OF ANY CAUSE
3 WHERE THE PARTIES, THE ATTORNEYS OF THE PARTIES OR ANY
4 ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH THE PARTIES OR THE ATTORNEYS BELONG MADE
5 CERTAIN CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE JUDGE OR HIS OPPONENT; AND
6 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 9-1-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 9-1-11. The judge of a court shall not preside on the trial
11 of any cause where the parties, or either of them, shall be
12 connected with him by affinity or consanguinity, or where he may
13 be interested in the same, or wherein he may have been of counsel,
14 except by the consent of the judge and of the parties. The judge
15 of a court shall not preside on the trial of any cause where the
16 parties, or either of them, or the attorneys for the parties, or
17 either of them, or any organizations to which the parties or the
18 attorneys belong, gave, donated, appropriated or furnished,
19 directly or indirectly, any money, security, funds or property of
20 Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) or more to the judge or his
21 opponent, or the political committee of the judge or his opponent,
22 for the purpose of aiding the judge or his opponent in the
23 campaign for the judgeship.

24 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
25 and after July 1, 2002.

